

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 8 November 1956	2. LOCATION Rapid City, South Dakota	12. CONCLUSIONS <input type="checkbox"/> Was Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Was Aircraft <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Aircraft <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Aircraft <input type="checkbox"/> Was Astronomical Meteor <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Astronomical <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Possibly Astronomical <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Insufficient Data for Evaluation <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local _____ GMT 09/0233Z	4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ground-Visual <input type="checkbox"/> Ground-Radar <input type="checkbox"/> Air-Visual <input type="checkbox"/> Air-Intercept Radar	
5. PHOTOS <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	6. SOURCE Military	
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION eight to ten seconds	8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS one	9. COURSE SE to ESE
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING One object, shaped like flame from jet Probable meteor sighting. fighter with afterburner on, colored blue at head, shading into orange at tail. Obj appeared 5 to 10 feet long fm approx one mile. Obj was seen as a flame trail--no solid obj was visible. Obj was observed flying at a very high rate of speed, faster than any jet. Obj flew on a straight and level flight path except for a sharp pull-up at the end of the observation when the light went out. Obj was observed visually for 8 to 10 seconds.		11. COMMENTS

AMFM-115 WPD-103 YDA-157 WTB-128 UMA-051/APAF-41

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Witness

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FM COMDR 23RD BOMB WG NAVY ELLSWORTH AFB SDAK

TO RJEDEM/COMDR ADC ENT AFB COLO

RJWPGU/COMDR 29TH AIR DIV MALMSTROM AFB MONT

RJEDEV/COMDR AIR TECHNICAL INTELLIGENCE CENTER SPAFB OHIO

RJEPMO/DIRECTOR OF INTELLIGENCE AF USAF WASH 25 D C

INFO RJEDEW/CINCSAC OFFUTT AFB NEBR

RJUFAP/COMDR 15 AF MARCH AFB CALIF

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/UNCLAS/DOT 23299 SUBJECT UFOR. IN ACCORDANCE WITH AIR FORCE REGULATION

221-2, DTD 12 AUGUST 1954, THE FOLLOWING REPORT IS SUBMITTED:

1.

- A. SHAPED LIKE FLAME FROM JET FIGHTER WITH AFTER BURNER ON.
- B. APPEARED FIVE TO TEN FEET LONG FROM APPROXIMATELY ONE (1) MILE.
- C. BLUE AT HEAD, SHADING INTO ORANGE AT TAIL: EMITTING ORANGE COLORED SPARKS
- D. ONE (1)
- E. NOT APPLICABLE

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F. NONE

G. FLAME TRAIL, NO SOLID OBJECT VISIBLE

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1. VERY HIGH RATE OF SPEED: FASTER THAN ANY AIRCRAFT OBSERVER
EVER SAW

2.

- A. GROUND OBSERVATION
- B. JUST ABOVE HORIZON APPROXIMATELY 24.2 DEGREES
- C. APPROXIMATELY THIRTY (30) DEGREES ELEVATION; APPROXIMATELY 23.5
DEGREES
- D. STRAIGHT AND LEVEL EXCEPT SHARP PULLUP AT END OF OBSERVATION; NO
DECREASE IN SPEED
- E. STARTED SHARP CLIMB AND LIGHT SUDDENLY WENT OUT

3.

- A. GROUND-VISUAL
- B. NONE
- C. NOT APPLICABLE

4.

- A. 19233Z NOVEMBER
- B. NIGHT

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5. SIXTY-FOUR DEGREES, ZERO TWO POINTS, EIGHTY-SEVEN POINTS NORTH, THREE
ONE HUNDRED AND THREE POINTS, ELEVATION LATITUDE, ZERO ZERO SECONDS WEST

6. MILITARY: [REDACTED], CAPTAIN, B-57C 60-1000 AND 60-1001,
FLIGHT LEADER, 44-1000, COMBAT GROUP 1, SPECIALIST 7, MAJOR, FLIGHT LINE
MAINTENANCE OFFICER, COMPLEXLY ARMED

7.

6. YPR Z ERPMOTV QPMI PP Z EOPIMPV QYNNPPP Z ETPMOTV UPNPPP Z ERPMUTV
EPNPPP A EYPURPV TPNPPP A EEPUTUV JPNSPPP A NOT AVAILABLE.

C. UNLIMITED

D. GOOD

E. NONE

F. NONE

G. NEGATIVE

H. NONE

I. NONE

II. ACTING CHIEF, INTELLIGENCE DIVISION, WITH BOMBARDMENT WING. THE OBSERVING OFFICER WAS RELUCTANT TO MAKE HIS REPORT FROM FEAR OF RIDICULE. THIS EXPLAINS DELAY IN REPORT. THE OFFICER IS A MATURE, LEVEL HEADED INDIVIDUAL WITH SIXTEEN YEARS SERVICE IN THE AIR FORCE. HE IS CONVINCED THAT THE OBJECT OF HIS REPORT WAS NOT CAUSED BY ATMOSPHERIC CONDITIONS, AND THAT IT WAS NOT A METEOR. HIS DESCRIPTION OF THE SIGHTING FITS A JET EXHAUST EXCEPT FOR THE TERRIFIC SPEED. NO KNOWN AIRCRAFT COULD GO FROM THE HORIZON TO A POINT APPROXIMATELY

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THE (1) MILES PAST THE OBSERVING POINT (1) TO THE (1) SECONDS AS HE DESCRIBED HIS SIGHTING. THE PRACTICING OFFICER HAS NO OPINION AS TO THE IDENTITY OR CAUSE OF THE SIGHTING.

12. NO.

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Possibly fireball,
Speed duration
fits meteor